

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
October 3, 20129:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Kenneth A. Johnson, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Robert G. Cole, Gerald L. Miller and Douglas A. Curtis.

ABSENT: Council Member Crawford Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Denise Douglass – Administrator; Susie Boswell – Clerk to Council; C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney; Leighton Bell – The Link; Gary Phillips – Pageland Progressive Journal; Brenda Workman – Chesterfield County Economic Development Office, Franklin Wright, Luther Benson and Mary Powe. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and Council Member Cole opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Plyler made a motion to adopt the October 3, 2012 meeting agenda with any amendments approved by council. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 5, 2012 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Plyler made a motion to approve the September 5, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Council Members Powe, Johnson, Bruce E. Rivers and Miller voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Curtis did not vote, as he was not present at the September 5, 2012 Council Regular Meeting.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

a. Ben Zeigler, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd

Did not attend meeting.

b. Tom Hall, SC Budget & Control Board

Did not attend meeting.

c. Mary Powe, Citizen

Advised council that given the hard economic times that everyone was facing that she was before council the governing body of Chesterfield County to request that an ordinance be passed allowing each tax payer owning a parcel of taxable real estate the option to pay property taxes in installments as outlined in the existing general Statute 12-45-75 Installment Payment of Property Tax. She stated that she would also like to pay a public accolade to State Representative Jay Lucas and his staff and Councilwoman Lenora Powe for their acts, responsibility and accountability to her and the constituents of Chesterfield County. Ms. Powe stated that she, as a taxpayer, along with other representatives attending the meeting would ask that council expedite this matter and that she looked forward to a long and lasting working relationship with all of council and that she respectfully submitted this to council.

d. Barbara Malloy and John Lynn, Citizens

Muhammad Qadir advised council that Barbara Malloy and John Lynn were unable to attend the meeting and that he would like to address council on their behalf. Mr. Qadir advised council that he felt there was a serious problem in the Fordsville area with people trashing the area. He questioned council as to whether or not cameras could be placed in the Fordsville area to catch the people that are trashing the area. Mr. Qadir stated that he did not feel that Adopt-A-Highway would solve this problem, that if people had to start paying fines for throwing their trash out then they would be more likely to stop throwing the trash out. He also advised council that there were some abandoned buildings in that area and that he didn't know if Codes Enforcement was enforcing that as far as making them pick them up or tear them down but he felt something needed to be done about this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Multi-County Park Ordinance (Lancaster) – 2nd Reading

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Bond Refunding Ordinance – 1st Reading, title only

Council Member Johnson made a motion to pass 1st Reading. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Lease-Purchase Equipment (bush-cutter) Ordinance – 1st Reading, title only

Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 1st Reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Reappointments to Grievance Committee - Douglass

Advised that Council Members Curtis, Powe and Plyler need to appoint and/or reappoint someone to serve on the County Grievance Committee. The terms are staggered so that 1/3 of the appointments will expire each year. Council Member Curtis reappointed John McCarn. Vice-Chair Lenora Powe reappointed Robert Gordon. Council Member Plyler advised that he would let Administrator Douglass know at a later date who he wishes to appoint. The term for these appointments will be for three (3) years and will expire October 3, 2015.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Johnson

None

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers

None

Council Member Miller

None

Council Member Cole

None

Council Member Plyler

None

Council Member Curtis

None

Council Vice-Chair Powe

Jazz Festival will be held in Cheraw October 18-21, 2012.

Council Chair J. Matthew Rivers

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers recommended Council enter into Executive Session in accordance with S.C. Law, Section 30-40-70 of the S.C. Code of Laws, to discuss an Economic Development matter.

Council Member Miller made a motion to enter Executive Session. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to exit Executive Session. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers reported Council is back in regular session. No action was taken and no motions were made in Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Council Member Powe made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

J. Matthew Rivers, Chairman
Date: November 7, 2012

Susie Boswell, Clerk to Council

